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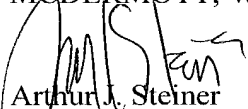
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- ☒ 25 pages of specification, claims, abstract.  
☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney.  
☒ Priority Claimed.  
☒ Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-344768  
☒ 11 sheets of formal drawing.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_  
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